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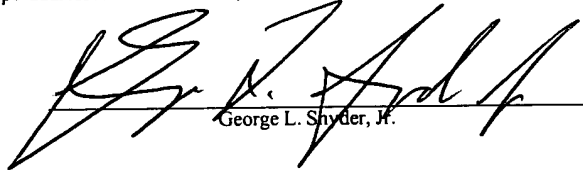
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Honorable Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) mailed July 24, 2001 in the above-identified application. Please preliminarily amend claim 25 of the present application as follows:

25. (Amended) The optical arrangement according to claim 24, wherein said illumination optical system automatically modifies said illumination diameter.

The following is a marked version of amended claim 25:

25. (Amended) The optical arrangement according to claim [25] 24, wherein said illumination optical system automatically modifies said illumination diameter.

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